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in the Valley of the Moon

LATEST FLASH NEWS: Elvis Pelvis unhesitatingly states he's 100 per cent for Adlai Stevenson for president. That practically cinches the election—of somebody else!

BATH HOUSE BARBER SHOP, open daily except Monday. Fast, efficient work, modern shop. Bob Narciši your operator. Drop in.

Back a few pages we must allot space for some comments on the political conventions—but it isn't spot news as of now so it doesn't get on the front page.

The man with money to burn never has any trouble finding a flame. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyes Springs. (New location soon.)

Richard "Slim" Wallace of Glen Ellen was under the weather this week and absent from his liquor store. He's better at last report.

STATE HOSPITAL EMPLOYES: 8 oz. white duck jackets and pants in stock. BOYES VARIETY STORE. Giftware. Cards.

Over at the Chicken House it's Lula McCormack, not Lulu. We're told the chicken there is the bestest to be found in this whole territory. Fresh apple pie, too.

A & B MOVERS, 18985 Sonoma Hwy., El Verano wie. Truck and Trailer Rentals. Moving. Motel. 9x12 Linoleum, only $7.50.

Getting time for the Country Fair sponsored by the Boyes Hot Springs Merchants association. It's set for September 1 and 2, a Saturday and Sunday weekend just ahead of Labor day.

Staged at the former Hammond Lumber yard and overflowing to the adjoining Woodleaf parking lot, visitors will find about a score of booths, each one offering attractions which will be worth stopping for.

There will be street dancing both evenings, Saturday and Sunday. Sunday night a tag match featuring those great big wrestlers will be on for a one-hour match.

And glory be! Given away will be a pretty good automobile filled with groceries. And all through the two days there will be drawings for valuable prizes.

Admission is free, but you'll buy tickets to participate in the various drawings, and you can get them from any local merchant. Doors open at 12 noon each day.

DANCE Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons at famed LITTLE SWITERLAND, El Verano. Genuine Swiss atmosphere.

And there's building going on all around us. A four car carport is being erected at the rear of the Greengrass Realty company. Work has started on a new telephone company equipment building next to the Valley Review office on Valley boulevard. Bud Delaney's Richfield service station soon will see substantial expansion, along with addition of parking space on the adjoining lot.

ESPOSTI'S LUNCH ROOM, Hiway 12 in Fetters. Sandwiches. Super Deluxe Hamburgers. Fountain specialties. Out of the ordinary!

We know a little bit about hops. Back in Oregon, Ill., we had a hop vine which shielded the entrance to the little house out back. It bore heavily, but we never made any use of the crop.

Not far away was a small barn, with a woodshed, some hay and a horse. Bumblebees selected the haymow for their home, and after two or three years became a huge colony. So the neighborhood kids finally dcided to get rid of 'em and organized a "bee." Somebody smoked them out, and with shingle paddles we all proceeded to battle. It lasted all morning, and the carnage was terrific. A few of the boys got stung, and with bumblebees that was no picnic. But the harvest was a large supply of honey, much better than the honeybee variety, though it wasn't put together in honey combs.

TOWNSEND'S—Next to Bank of America, Sonoma. Shoes for the entire family. Specializing in work and sports clothes.

One of the controversial items which may be delaying incorporation of the Springs area is selection of a name. The present names—Boyes, Fetters, Sonoma Vista, Agua Caliente, El Verano—all have their objectors. So we've thought up a good one—Calopolis! It even sounds big. But the missus says it's "awful."

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Club dinners and banquets. Authentic Italian food, seafood, splendid menu. Cocktails.

At least two people we know commute between Boyes and Mill Valley and San Rafael. That's too far of course. We commuted 10 miles a day for several years, and didn't like a thing about it.

SONOMA FURNITURE MART, Broadway. Varied stock. We'll take your old furniture in trade. Upholstering, too.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

Vito Carbonaro, the shoe repair man of Sonoma, is back on the job again after a major operation in University hospital. Says he's not only as good as ever, but better.

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Italian food a specialty. Varied menu—all good. Cocktails. Always the very best.

BUD'S GARAGE, Calle del Monte, opp. Food Center, Boyes. Your best bet for car repairs, all makes. Phone WE 8-3971.

And at Hooker Oaks trailer park there's a recently arrived customer, H. Lister and family, occupying a 46 foot Spartan trailer home, a luxurious affair. The Listers came here from Lawton Springs, near Reno, Nev.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. A complete market, with lowest prices consistent with quality. Take-out license, too.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Banquet facilities deluxe. Dancing, Dining. Paul at the organ. One-stop resort. Swim pool.

Bill McCloud, owner of the Red Top taxicab company, is the new operator of the Union service station in Boyes. Pete Fields formerly operated the station, but now has his auto repair shop in Fetters Springs. The station was closed for about a month, but Bill expects to have it going at full speed almost immediately.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes laza. Most satisfying food, excellent mixed drinks, efficient service. Pizzas, six varieties. Till 2 a. m.

WALTER GUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY. Fetters Springs, Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

MacDonald Jewelry in Sonoma is undergoing a major remodeling job, with business going on as usual. Mac says there'll be more room, better display, and many new lines.

THE CHICKEN HOUSE (formerly Lew's). Hiway 12, Boyes. Open 5 a. m. to 10 p. m. Best fried chicken and steaks in town. Try us.

GEORGE'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest grade meats, cut to your order. Hot weather cold slices. Hot dogs, too.

Valley of the Moon Animal Haven has increasing duties, comparable with the growth of the Valley. 126 animals were disposed of there last month, some by adoption. The haven is sadly in need of a crematorium, and several service clubs in the area may get together and do something about it.

Actually this haven should be supported by the county, which gathers in about $27,000 a year in dog taxes—and all that certainly

isn't used at the Santa Rosa dog pound. That pound never served this Valley adequately, and certainly some of the dog tax money should be diverted to the local institution, so far supported only by contributions and small adoption fees.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

RUBBER STAMPS Made to Order. CARL O. DRESEL, 442 Bettencourt St., Sonoma. Call WEbster 8-4160.

Ever own a cistern? Had one at home, a big brick-lined one under the kitchen. Our dad one year decided it needed improving, and when it was emptied of water, got down inside and with the help of numerous kids, covered the entire interior with a cement mixture. The water thereafter wasn't fit to drink. If the cistern is still in the house, we wonder if the water ever became drinkable. Anyway it was good for general household purposes.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. Superb food and drinks, with exquisite surroundings. Try our Clown Room after golfing.

LOWEST PRICES ALWAYS throughout the WOODLEAF MARKET, Boyes. Complete stocks. We will not be undersold.

The telephone company in Des Moines, Iowa, which recently published a directory with some new abbreviations, received this letter from a nearby small town:

"Gntm: Yr abbr of our town of Commerce as Comre in ur br new tel drctry is unfr, uncir, unplsnt, unescry."

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. For shrubs, roses, fruit trees, grapes, berries. Also fertilizers, insect repellents.

Paul Marcucci Jr. and Marvin Campbell recently enjoyed a four-day camping and fishing trip in the Shasta and Siskiyou sectors. They found good fishing, saw many deer, and are already planning a similar trip for next year.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Most dealers have 'em. Superior quality always.

GREENGRASS NOW SELLS REAL ESTATE that Sol D. Becker used to sell. Phone WE 8-4731. New offices, 18340 Sonoma Hwy.

AND HERE'S YOUR CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS:

TV and radio coverage of both conventions has been good. The major networks all claimed to have the best coverage, and we turned on all three. They were all good, but we finally decided that CBS with Walter Cronkite in charge, was a tiny bit better than the others. Chet Huntley covered for NBC, John Daly for ABC.

Most of the speakers talked too long. Eight minutes should be

enough for any speaker (unless you change that to 2 minutes). They "sell" you early, then "unsell" you as they drone on and on.

We thought Arthur Langlie, Washington's governor, did about the best job of speaking of all—such a contrast to the democratic keynoter.

The music at both conventions was good. The organist had his job cut out for him, selecting various tunes to use as individual states were recognized by speakers or roll calls. He couldn't very well play the Missouri waltz at the republican meet. His choice was Meet Me in St. Louis. The bands had a pepped up tempo, reminiscent of the west coast football marching bands, only faster.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. An unusual tavern with real old-time atmosphere. Bring your guests here—for a change!

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Specials on meats of finest quality, last three days each week. Try our steaks.

Comes the political side of the presidential contest:

The democratic platform promises more income, more subsidies, more schools, and more for just about everybody—but they're going to lower taxes. All of that can't be done that way.

We find the democrats know more things that aren't so than any group we've ever run across. Here's an illustration: The Cloverdale paper lambasts Ike for vetoing the rivers and harbors bill which would have alloted some small sums to improve a couple of creeks in this county. What they don't know or say is that that bill was the biggest pork barrel act passed by congress in years and years. It should have been vetoed, because every pet project in about every congressional district in the nation was in it—hands outstretched for money. The dems can't seem to get the idea of economy through their otherwise intelligent but apparently thick craniums.

Bob Lynch of the Index-Tribune editorially gave the democrats the dickens last week. He especially tore into Clements of Tennessee, who gave the wildest and wooliest keynote speech ever heard, filled with untruths and half truths, and delivered in a tone reminiscent of William Jennings Bryan and Billie Graham. To us, and to many more, it was disgusting.

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Center of town. Fast and efficient service. Accessories. Bud Delaney, Proprietor.

The TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. Finest in North California. Excellent food. Cocktails. Entertainment nightly.

And it's true the ADA has the democratic party under its ponderous thumb. Reuther and the other big labor gang adherents control the party as of now, and who wants that kind of government?

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. On Arnold Drive. Complete selection of fine wines and liquors. "SLIM" WALLACE.

FIRESIDE LODGE, Hiway 12 west of Sonoma. Barbecued chicken, chops, steaks, spareribs. Superb food. Cocktails.

We owned a trailer for a brief time. Without ever having moved one a single inch (don't know how to back 'em even now), we started for California in one, having heard there was no housing in the Golden state. Got as far as Laguna, N. M., and with tire trouble and the thought of the mountain driving coming up, decided to give up the ghost. Loaded it on a flat car in the Indian village and shipped it to Santa Rosa. Freight charge, $198.78.

They told us in Michigan (trailer cost $800) that trailers weren't made or available in California and that we could sell ours after arrival and make a coupla hundred dollars. 'Twasn't so . Finally disposed of it, rather luckily we now think, for $600.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Known nationwide as a standout hostelry, where good food, drinks and service are superb.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

We're of the opinion that the health issue should be brought up during the coming campaign. Adlai's health, that is.

Not in the public eye, Stevenson very quietly has had two operations during the last four years. Serious, too. Gallstones or kidney stones or something similar. As of today he must watch everything he eats, no milk or anything with milk as an ingredient, and he has to take pills all the time.

When it comes to health, better watch little Adlai.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Bring your washing here during the summer months. No labor, fast service, clean clothes!

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971

Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

TEXANS AREN'T ALL WEALTHY!

They're telling the story of the man who died and went to heaven, and after a few weeks got dissatisfied with the place. He complained so loudly that Saint Peter suggested that he go below and see how he liked things down there. The fellow did but was soon back again. "Found it pretty hot down there, I guess?" asked St. Peter. "Nah," the man replied. "They had a big shipment of Texans and those boys soon had the place air-conditioned at their own expense." . . .

Then there's the story of the two fellows in the washroom who discovered there were no towels when they'd completed washing their hands. One fellow turned to the other and said "How about 10 fives for a fifty?" and held out the bill. The other fellow made the change

and pocketed the fifty as the stranger wiped his hands on the fives, then threw them in the wastebasket. "By the way," he said, "how are things down in Texas?" . . .

You see how it is, comments a Marshall, Texas, editor. All of us Texans are filthy rich, and there is no escape from the general impression throughout the country and the world. Usually it's oil people who are the richest, in this tale of Texas opulence. Before the bottom fell out of beef prices and the drought got so tough, it was the cowmen who symbolized the universality of wealth among Texas' 8 million citizens. . . .

These tall tales of a Texan rolling in wealth used to be rather amusing, but they are beginning to go a bit sour on us 7,658,901 Texans who worry about bills and don't ride around in Cadillacs.

MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, better than most.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Gathering place for the discriminating. Fine food and excellent bar. THE INSKEEPS.

In an article in This Week, a reader asked Helen Keller what, if she were to gain her eyesight, would be the first thing you would like to see?" Miss Keller's answer read as follows:

If by some miracle I was granted three seeing days, to be followed by a relapse into darkness, I should divide the period into three parts:

On the first day I should want to see the people whose kindness and gentleness and companionship have made life worth living. On that busy first day I should also view the small simple things of my home. It would be a day devoted to my friends, animate and inanimate.

The next day I should devote to the pageant of man's progress, the kaleidoscope of ages. How can so much be compressed into one day? Through the museums, of course. There indeed is a place to use your eyes.

And the third day I should spend in the workaday world of the present, amid the haunts of men, going about the business of life. So the city becomes my destination. I would stand at a busy corner, looking at people, trying by sight of them to understand something of how people work and live.

Naturally in those three short days I should not have seen all I wanted to see. Only when darkness had again descended upon me should I realize how much I had left unseen. But my mind would be so crowded with memories that I should have little time for regrets.

Most of us take life for granted. Only the deaf appreciate hear-

ing, only the blind realize the manifold blessings that lie in sight. It is the same old story of not being grateful for what we have until we lose it, or not being conscious of health until we are ill.

But I who am blind can give one hint to those who see: Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind.

And the same method can be applied to the other senses: Hear the music of voices, the song of a bird, the mighty strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again. Make the most of every sense; glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals. Thus, at last, you will really see, and a new world of beauty will open before you.

FIELDS' AUTO REPAIRS, next to Texaco, Fetters Springs. Repairing all makes. Work guaranteed. Charges always low.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Complete stocks and super service. Paints, Tools, Glass, Gardening Supplies.

Start pansy seed in flats now, transplant to ground when 3 or 4 inches high. As with all plants being set out during hot periods, water the plants well in the flat a day before moving and soak the ground into which they are to be planted at the same time. Shade for a few days.

HOOKER OAKS TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Groceries. Shell products. Propane gas. Trailer space in grove for rent.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Congenial gathering place for sportsmen and all real people. Wonderful drinkables.

LITTLE GARDEN NOTES

Knock off excess fruit on your fruit trees if they have too heavy a set. Put strong supports under overloaded limbs but do not use wire unless wrapped in old inner tubes or the like.

If some of your dahlias look a little retarded, give them a dose of a good commercial featilizer. Keep fertilizer away from stems. Water thoroughly about every five days.

You can start perennial and biennial seeds for next year's garden from now on. Cold frames may be used and so can seed beds of fine, carefully prepared soil.

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